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- 1. There is no unusual mobilization of soldiers. Reservists are being called up for their normal three weeks' training. No special limitation has been placed on the granting of leaves to military personnel in the garrison at Vimperk (N50/Q46). In Ceska Budejovice leaves are granted only on Sundays in order to restrict contact between the soldiers and the populace. The soldiers' free time is being used for political schooling, the teaching of Russian, etc.
- 2. Since the beginning of April 1950 SNB border units have been strengthened by soldiers who volunteered for five years. No troop transports were seen in the border area.
- 3. No preparation for the removal of industrial equipment from the border area was noted. However, during the two weeks prior to 1 July 1950, the entire population of the village Knizeci Plane (Pürstenhut-N49/035) was evacuated leaving only twenty Slovak forest workers. Motor vehicles and horses have not been confiscated for military purposes in the Vimperk area. No new air raid warning system has been installed in this area.
- 4. There is an ammunition dump about one kilometer northeast of Vimperk in the Dorenovice valley. The barbed wire enclosure around this dump has been renewed recently and civilians have been forbidden entry into the valley since June 1950. Two wooden bridges at Lenora (Eleonorenhain-Nh9/2h5) were reinforced with concrete during the spring of 1950. No guards were seen along the railroads or near bridges.
- 5. During the first part of June 1950 the Ministry of National Defense published an order through the Ministry of Technology to the effect that all read bridges in Czechoslovakia should be strengthened and braced. The work was to start immediately. This order was addressed to all district and county national committees.
- 6. Anti-tank obstacles, Spanish riders* and barbed wire entaglements are being erected near all crossroads in the Tachov (N50/P54) area. This construction, which was begun during the beginning of July 1950, was ordered by the Linistry of National Defense. Army units in the Tachov area are stringing field telephone lines along the frontier and inland from the frontier as far as Tachov. SIB headquarters in Tachov are also connected on this circuit

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O51/G16), all terminals are to have at least a six months' supply of coal on hand. There will be a partial concentration of freight cars and locomotives at the larger terminals of secondary rail lines.

- 8. All military district recruiting commands and district national committees received an order during the first week in June 1950 to have all in readiness for a rapid mobilization in case of emergency. Cards to be used in calling men to duty are on hand in the district national committees.
- 9. In its official bulletin of 2 July 1950, the Hinistry of Transportation ordered that all trucks (except army trucks and those having front-wheel drive) be equipped to burn charcoal rather than gasoline.

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